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## From The Chair Travis Nicks, State Chair

OVER \$9,000!!! Yes, Colorado Libertarians, that is what we raised for the Barr/Root campaign with less than 48 hours notice. Thank you everyone who came out to participate in the meet and greet event. We had a fantastic time. Special thanks to Ken Wyble for catering the event (that's right you missed his awesome desserts). Thanks to Marc and Karolyn for coordinating and setting up the event. We had several donors max out that evening and it means a lot to the campaign. If you missed your chance to meet Bob then you are in luck!!! He AND Wayne will be coming out to Denver AGAIN. This time for the official Presidential banquet held on August 28th at the Grant - Humphries Mansion downtown. This event, however, won't be your papa's old rubber chicken fundraiser. No Way!!! This is going to be ground breaking and Ken is catering so you know the food will be fantastic. We are going to webcast the evening LIVE all across the nation. You will be a part of history in the making. You can ask Bob and Wayne all the questions you want. Drinks and conversation will be at 6:30 and dinner begins at 7:30. Check the website for details and registration. In other news, there are several campaigns happening and our candidates are always in need of money and volunteers, so go to the candidates' website to contact them and help out. A quick shout out to [Mykl Kryka](#) who is constantly the man of action

for several campaigns, especially in his district that includes [Jim Frye for Colorado House District 42](#). IMPORTANT!!! If you are expecting a paper newsletter you will not be receiving one. This is the only newsletter that the Libertarian Party of Colorado will distribute now. If one of your friends or perhaps a person you are talking to about Libertarianism would like to receive this news letter, make sure they go to [LPColorado.org](http://LPColorado.org) to sign up. Keep an eye on the website for all your LPCO news and events. Also, don't forget to [join the 1776 club](#). We are always doing some new and exciting stuff to spread the message of freedom and trying to get our candidates elected. To continue doing this we need your support. [By joining the 1776 club](#) we can then budget more effectively based upon your donations. Please go to the website today and sign up. Until next month...

Enjoy this edition of the Colorado Liberty and thank you for supporting the LPCO.

Yours in Liberty,  
Travis Nicks  
Chairman



## Buchanan For Congress

Martin L. Buchanan is the Libertarian Party candidate in Colorado's First Congressional District, which includes most of Denver. Martin is facing Diana DeGette, Democratic incumbent, who has served six terms and is seeking a seventh.

Martin is a U.S. Army and Army National Guard veteran. He has worked with information technology for 32 years and for an international consulting firm for the last 15 years. After living in Virginia, Oregon, Washington, and California, Martin moved to Denver in 2004. He has been a libertarian since 1970 and an often active member of the LP since 1980. He was the LP candidate for Oregon Secretary of State in 1988, founded Oregonians for School Choice in 1989, and successfully put a school choice initiative on the 1990 Oregon ballot, recruiting hundreds of volunteers, speaking statewide, and raising more than half a million dollars for an active campaign. After several years working on school choice, he took a dozen-year break from politics, aside from writing a few policy papers for a think tank.



In 2006, increasingly concerned that Republicans and Democrats are bankrupting our federal government, he began writing a book, published in 2007, *To Save America: How to Prevent Our Coming Federal Bankruptcy*. Written for a general audience, it describes how the major parties have put our nation more than fifty trillion dollars in debt, and how we can cut the size of the federal government by 40% through a specific series of cuts and reforms. That message is the core of his Congressional campaign, which has the theme PEACE, BALANCE, FREEDOM.

Martin is running an active campaign, as described at [buchananforcongress.org](http://buchananforcongress.org). He has already been the cover story of the Denver Daily News and is currently planning press kit distribution and mass communications to his district via

phone blast and email. Please contribute to help us raise \$2,000 to email everyone in the First Congressional District, along with additional funds for press kits.

Mail your donation to Buchanan for Congress, 545 Broadway #31, Denver, CO 80203. Please include a note with your full name, occupation, employer, mailing address, and a phone number or email address in case we need to contact you.

Campaigns Report

By Ken Wyble, Campaigns Director

FaceBook Friends: 1037  
Colorado Libertarians Meetup: 149  
Colorado Bob Barr Meetup: 27  
LinkedIn: 207 Contacts

Networking with the Chamber continues to develop some high profile relationships as we have seen active Business leaders attending both the weekly lunches and several came to the Bob Barr meet and greet. FaceBook is the king for reaching out and we have seen some solid results of recruitment through the group and active members moving over to sign up on Meetup and become regular active members.

Liberty on the Rocks is now every Wednesday at Uptown Tavern at Pearl and 17th. Not only am I happy to see a large contingent of Libertarians there but I would like to work with all Denver Metro affiliates (and beyond) to have a combined meeting with all of us. Plan on the first Wednesday of every month and I would anticipate most of the Denver affiliate, at least, would make regular appearances at these meetings. We can recruit from this group directly for both technology assistance and adventures as well as activism.

I am also working on identifying a solid candidate to run against Ken Salazar in 2010. Now is the time to help with current campaigns and begin work on your future campaign.

There is a great campaign in Boulder with three Libertarians running together for County Commissioner. Please help them win. You can contact them through their websites.

- 1. Ralph Shnelvar
- 2. Bo Shaffer
- 3. Randy Luallin

Libertarian Jack Woehr is again running for office, this time for Colorado House District 25.

Please support all of our candidates, the best way to advance libertarianism is to campaign for liberty. If you would like to run for office, plan for the future and begin getting your ducks in a row now for races in 2009 and 2010. Until then, the best way to prepare is to help your fellow Libertarians who are currently running for office.  
(<http://www.lpcolorado.org/board-campaigns.aspx>)

There are plenty of activist opportunities for campaign teams. Come out and meet with us and let’s work on your campaign.

F.R. Outreach Report

By Jeff Orrok, Front Range Outreach Director

We are working on identifying outreach opportunities through the winter and into spring after another successful and fun filled summer of events.

Legislative Report

By David K. Williams, Jr., Legislative Director

Did you miss your last chance to meet Libertarian candidate for President Bob Barr? Bob was in Denver last Sunday, August 10, for a "meet and greet". Libertarian supporters had about 48 hours notice. We pulled off a catered event with over 70 people in attendance and raised over \$9000.

Well, you have another chance to meet Bob. And this time, his running mate Wayne Root will also be in Denver. A catered, table service dinner will be provided for all attendees and an open bar is available.

Mark Your Calendar

**Date:** Thursday, August 28, 2008.

**Time:** Cocktails at 6:30. Dinner at 7:30.

**Place:**  
[Grant-Humphries Mansion](#)  
770 Pennsylvania St  
Denver, CO 80203  
[Click Here For Directions](#)



Donations:

- \$1000 - Reserves Your Chair at the Presidential Table with Bob Barr
- \$ 500 - Reserves Your Chair at the Vice-Presidential Table with Wayne Root
- \$ 100 - To sit with people like me, but mingle with Bob and Wayne anyway

There are only seven spaces at the Presidential and Vice-Presidential tables. So hurry and make your reservations now! See you there!

Media Report

By Richard Randall, Media Director

Be sure to tune in to Channel 12, KBDI-TV, on September 1, at 8:30pm for "Tough Love with Mike Zinna". One of the featured guests will be the State Chair of the Libertarian Party of Colorado, Travis Nicks!

Membership Report

By Clint Jones, Membership Director

Enough funds have been raised for the mobile billboard, thanks to everyone who contributed to make it possible.

Fundraising toward a purpose - I am waiting until it is clear BallotBase is not going to be used, and if not, will look at Bob Krause Data Dump to call for donations for either an LPCO video and ad time on cable, or Bob Barr yard signs/bumper stickers that say LIBERTARIAN on them. The ones I have seen so far do not have that WORD on them (unlike our caps) and that is the WORD I want to show to the public.

If you want a Libertarian cap (navy blue with Libertarian in gold) email [MembershipDirector@LPColorado.org](mailto:MembershipDirector@LPColorado.org) and you will receive one by mail for only \$10.

Publications Report

By Jaime Brown, Publications Director

*“Plaintiffs will lose out on a fair amount of exposure and the opportunity to express their views in a popular forum,”* California U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter stated in his report. *“On the other hand, halting this event would deny the other candidates the opportunity to be heard and would deprive the public of an opportunity to see the candidates and hear their views. Forcing Saddleback to include another candidate at the last moment could cause serious logistical problems and take away from the presentations of other candidate. This might well disrupt the planned presentation. Barr and Root will have many other opportunities in the coming months to express their views and make their candidacy known.”*

Talk about judicial activism! This is just the latest chapter in a long story of our Liberty being trampled under the guise of a Constitutional Democratic Republic. There’s no translation necessary for the above paragraph as it makes the Judge’s opinion crystal clear. He’s not alone in his super-delegate-elitist attitude. But a recent Zogby poll indicates that Americans are still opposed to censorship and corporatism.

<http://www.zogby.com>  
<http://www.reason.com>  
<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com>  
<http://www.swamppolitics.com>

The Democratic National Convention arrives this weekend in Denver. The coronation of Barack Obama concludes the snooze-fest on Thursday, August 28, 2008 with rumors that the never-say-die Clintons will still win. Fortunately for freedom lovers, there will be an alternative event with Bob Barr and Wayne Root that same evening at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion, directly across from the Governor’s Mansion where there will be another Democratic event, presumably Ritter counting the cash from yet another example of the pomp and ceremony of an event promoting more pseudo democracy. The homeless have been rounded up and given culture passes and haircuts so as not to offend the sensibilities of the Party of tolerance, the Party of the people. The national media has already arrived and they are ready to report that the people actually have a choice. If you’re looking for coverage through the eyes of escapees from the local jail cell, er, protest zone, tune into the [People’s Press Collective](#). No press credentials here, just your average Americans who can handle the truth and believe you can too.

Our very own [Ken Wyble \(L-CO\)](#) is running a campaign in Colorado Senate District 28 against the [sponsor of the Colorado HPV Vaccination mandate bill](#). SB-80 was withdrawn in Colorado due to incredible public protest. But it serves as a reminder that Democrats promote corporatism even while they point fingers at Republicans for their support for Big Pharma. Some states have adopted the HPV Vaccination mandate even though the benefits are questionable and the side effects are potentially fatal. Rest assured, as long as the legislature is filled with people like Senator Suzanne Williams (D-CO), there will be constant, relentless attempts to force citizens into being subjects for corporations like Merck. Of course, we know that all of these bills have bipartisan support, so we are left again without any real choice.

Speaking of bipartisan corporatism, subsidy sweetheart Monsanto is a [perfect example of how the big boys use government force to gain market monopolies by playing both sides](#). Filing frivolous lawsuits against small farmers is certainly something Libertarians can relate to when competing against the two major political parties.

A great resource for current ballot initiatives is [BallotPedia](#), which is prepared by the good folks at the [Sam Adams Alliance](#). Check it out!

Records Report

By Steven Gallant, Records Director

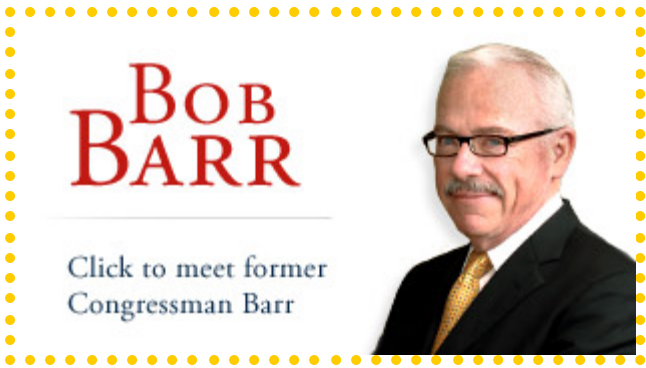
I compiled and filed the minutes and reports for the previous Board meeting.

Jim Frye and I are pursuing some new leads toward building a new database.

Treasurer Report

By Leah Kelley, Treasurer

One area where we could potentially save money is in the phone conferencing. I think we need to re-visit the cost/benefits of our phone/internet/conferencing expenses. Another potential cost savings would be to cut the bulk mail account!



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